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CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Cholera and plague—Anthrax in Siam—Plague reported among animals in India—Quarantine measures.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, September 6 and 12, as follows:

The health report for the week ended September 3, 1904, is as follows: Plague, 3 cases, 3 deaths, all Chinese. Enteric fever, 5 cases, 1 death; 2 Europeans imported from Amoy, 1 Japanese imported from Canton.

It is reported here that an epidemic of anthrax prevails among the cattle in Siam and that several persons have died from the disease.

The health report for the week ended September 10, 1904, is as follows: Plague, 3 cases, 3 deaths, all Chinese. Enteric fever, 2 cases, 2 deaths, all Chinese. Variola, no cases, no deaths.

Hongkong continues its previously reported restrictions against arrivals from Tainan-Fu and Anping, Formosa, and Amoy.

The Straits Settlements and Saigon have withdrawn their special restrictions against Hongkong, and Swatow also is exempt from the Saigon restrictions.

The following-named ports otherwise continue restrictions against Hongkong, as previously reported: Manila, Indo-China, Netherlands, India, Burma, Shanghai, Kophai, Madras, Bengal, British North Borneo and Labaum, and Niuchwang.

A press report comes from Bombay that an elephant and a bullock belonging to the Mysore palace contracted plague recently, the elephant dying. The correspondent is further informed that elephants, deer, cheetahs, and other wild animals are dying in large numbers in Heggaddevarkote forests. The cause of this is yet unknown, but is put down to plague infection, inasmuch as a number of villages on the Kabini River are plague infected.

Precautions taken at Hongkong during the month of July, 1904, for the protection of the public health of the United States, the insular territory, and the Republic of Panama.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health	27
Vessels fumigated to kill vermin.....	1

Personnel and passengers:

Examined for diseases contemplated in paragraphs 29 and 67 of the Quarantine Regulations.....	2,330
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Quarantine Regulations.....	1,402
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Required to bathe and undergo special examination	1,820
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Required to bathe and undergo special examination	904
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Aliens:

Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws governing immigration.....	626
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Rejected.....	208
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Baggage:

Inspected and labeled.....	302
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Disinfected and labeled.....	2,406
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The shipment and transshipment hence of cargo and ship supplies was supervised by inspection, disinfection, storage detention, and certification of shipping orders.

Return of quarantinable diseases.—Plague, 94 cases, 90 deaths; cholera, 6 cases, 6 deaths; variola, 2 cases, no deaths.